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[The following letter of General Wayne is addressed to "Captain William Hayman in Wellestown, Chester County," to whom it was delivered by Sharp Delany, Esq.]

LEGION VILLE 28th Decb^r 1792.

DEAR SIR

It's now seven Months since I left—Waynesborough, without having received a single line, either from my own family or you—you may reply that this is the first from me—true but that is not the case with Mr^s Wayne—besides every moment of my time is absorbed in publick business—the defence of a portion of upwards of One thousand miles—& in providing for, & disciplining a New Army—who have yet to learn the dreadful trade of death.

You have undoubtedly had rumours of a general peace with the Indians—but the Contrary is the fact—in the Western Country it is *serious war*.

However neither War nor Politicks, were the Motives of this letter, I will therefore come to the point,—when I parted with you—you had the goodness to promise—to see that satisfaction was entered upon all Judgments obtained in the Supreme and other Courts—against me—is that business done. I have very recently had a serious caution to be prepared for an Awful charge—& my Monster still continues to visit & warn me of its approval. I have had a most serious & an alarming attack from a violent lax & bilious vomiting—nor has it been in the power of the Physicians to check it—but as I have some knowledge of my own Constitution—I peremptorily insisted upon taking

an emetic—which they assured me was both improper & dangerous to the last degree in my present weak Condition, however I have found considerable relief from it, & by the aid of the bark—which I have also taken contrary to their Opinion—I had the tone of my Stomach altered for the better, yet I am very weak & rather more reduced, than when I first arrived with the Army from Georgia in 1783.

Notwithstanding I have almost every fair day been able to ride for one or two hours at a time to direct our Redouts & chain of defence, which are so far perfected, that all the Indians in the Wilderness cou'd not force them :

But as life's uncertain—& *mine* at this time rather more so than usual, I wish to settle the Property I may leave behind me, so as to prevent any litigation after I am gone hence for shou'd I survive this attack, my *breast* is not bullet-proof—nor can I step a single foot aside to shield it. Therefore I pray you let me know what you have done in the premises the soonest possible.

My best—perhaps *last*—and kindest love and wishes to my poor old mother sister & friends & believe me to be with sincere Esteem

Your Affectionate

Hum. Ser^t

ANT^Y WAYNE

CAPT WM HAYMAN

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